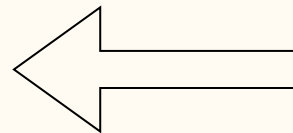


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FOR THE STUDENTS, FROM THE STUDENTS, BY THE STUDENTS

Our Mission

Our mission is to reach out to students to spread awareness about careers and student choices from professionals in the field and provide paths and innovative ways to use what they learn.



New Week, New Us!

This week we have decided to go for a more student-based approach. We are actively talking about student-related issues this week, and we hope you find them helpful and informative! Have a great time reading



Is it an edge to life? As Students claim "Ineffective counseling leads to a risk of failure"

The feeling of having ineffective counseling leads to students being unsure and more insecure to reach out again to counselors. This is inappropriate to say as counselors make suggestions after analyzing students' interests. This an insight into how a student body thinks about career counseling and how a counselor thinks of career counseling is.

BY MEENAKSHI YADAV

Choosing the right stream of education is a critical decision for students, and it can be overwhelming, especially if they are unsure about their interests, strengths, and career aspirations. Drawing a parallel line between today's youth and the previous generation, today's generation seems to have better equipped with knowledge and skills. Despite this tremendous advantage, a huge percentage of young people struggle to find a suitable subject or stream to continue with. Around 85% of people opt for the wrong career path due to a lack of career guidance and the persisting gap between skills and aptitudes. This is where a counselor can play a crucial role in guiding students through the stream selection process. However, there are several challenges that students may face while having a conversation with counselors regarding stream selection.



One of the primary challenges that students face is the lack of awareness about their interests and abilities. Many students may not have a clear understanding of what they want to pursue, which can make it difficult for them to communicate their goals and aspirations to the counselor.



As a result, the advice given by the counselor may not be aligned with the student's interests and abilities. When a student was interviewed regarding their experience while selecting a stream, she said, *"Honestly, I am really scared to visit counselors at schools. I have no clue about what they will tell me. In fact, it scares me more than even after knowing all the information, I might end up*

messing things up. I really don't want to take a risk by creating a mess for my future. I really expect my counselor to help me by sharing anecdotes to understand if what I am opting for is achievable and rational."

After having a quality conversation with many students, stating succinctly the challenges that students face while having conversations with counselors regarding stream selection is:

- Lack of clarity: difficulty articulating their interest, strengths, and weaknesses, this even makes it challenging for counselors to provide personalized guidance.
- Pressure from peers and parents: students may feel pressured to pursue a particular stream due to the expectations of their parents or peers, even if it is not aligned with their interests or strengths.
- Limited awareness of options
- Fear of making the wrong choice
- Stream biases: students hold notions about certain streams or careers, which can limit their options and prevent them from considering alternative pathways. Like people consider taking science as everything to succeed.

In an interview, a student who recently changed her stream to pure commerce was asked a question about why she chose science in the first place and decided to shift to another stream. She answered, "In an interview, a student who recently switched from the science stream to pure commerce was questioned why she originally chose science and why she made the decision to change.



She replied, "Choosing science first opens you to a range of possibilities. I believed that, given my passion for microbiology, I would decide between studying microbiology and economics by the end of my 12th grade. It was harder for me because chemistry and physics aren't my strong suits. I discovered that science was not my thing. I was more confident that I could engage in commerce because of my passion or interest in economics than I had previously thought."

Counselors believe, the student's shifting is actually an indicator of an effective counseling "process" and not otherwise. The purpose of counseling is not about the right choice but an informed choice. Counselors consider multiple factors during the process.

Ms.Kalika a career counselor at Avasara stated, "Each one of us whether kid or adult is on a journey. Are still exploring their interest, aptitude, and different courses. Saying that you have not received proper counseling is not an appropriate statement to be made. At the point of counseling, we look at the interest of the student at that moment. Analyzing those things choices are made. It's absolutely normal to change the current preferences in the future because we are human beings who involve and grow our choices change. These changes can take place mid-year, or after they finish high school. The suggestion is made on the interest, aptitude, and observation the counselors make during the conversation lies. We make suggestions after analyzing all the factors, is not compulsory to hold upon it."

Factors mentioned, include the involvement of parents, a need to take risks, etc. It's based on their unique needs and circumstances. Even when students decide to change their stream, it's usually not a sudden decision. They have often discussed it with friends, family, and counselors before making a final choice. Saying all that, it's even more dynamic post schooling where exploration becomes a significant part of the journey. Counselors are there with a fairly good amount of information however not to push it to people but to navigate based on the student. and it plays a crucial role in helping students make informed decisions about their academic and personal lives.

Write Off The Bat



In conclusion, selecting the right stream of education is a crucial decision for students, and it is essential that they receive the right guidance and support. However, there are several challenges that students may face while having a conversation with counselors regarding stream selection. It's essential that students' discomfort and voices are heard before any suggestions are made. Most of the students are struggling to figure out where to go take a step. Whether they should be taking the suggestion made by the counselors or what their parents expect them to do. Sometimes academically being good does not show their excellence of them in that particular field. It is crucial that these challenges are identified and addressed to ensure that students are able to make informed decisions about their future

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We miss the height of our fullest potential by not engaging the quiet parade of days.



Meenakshi a curious journalist , who is keen to imagine her surrounding as one of the safe place to be in. Where voices are heard and taken as one of the notable event to be taken in consideration.

The Selling Of Intoxicants Near A Residential Area: A Fear For The Safety Of Teenagers And Residents Growing In Communities

The presence of alcohol establishments near residential areas is causing a stir in communities. The Gurumurthy Lane community feared the negative repercussions these shops had on students and the ill effects on its residents. Learn about how a community got together to strive for a single cause.

BY ANOUSHKA KUKREJA

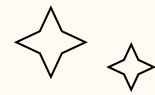
The existence of wine, alcohol or liquor shops near community areas is not a new theme, and many problems arise with such businesses. The lively neighbourhood of the Gurumurthy Lane faces these problems every day.

The presence of a wine store right at the entrance of the lane, the only route that connects it to the main road, is not gone unnoticed by the residents. Almost everyone has faced some issues arise because of it, the main victims being women and impressionable children.

"I wouldn't like the wine shop just at the entrance, and during late evenings I've noticed many drunkards loitering about, which makes it unsafe for the residents," says Vennela, one brave student who reaches home late at night.



She is a student studying at a nearby school, needing to commute by walking to and from. Many students just like her are as disgruntled by these shops and are appalled by the dangers they present.



She continues to say, "My tuition ends at 8:00 and I feel unsafe walking through the lane. I feel scared when im walking alone, and get a few friends to walk with me to my apartment."

The dangers posed by the shop on students, especially females are to be taken with utmost seriousness. The safety of the children residing in the community is threatened due to the people running and buying from these shops. The student is very adamant to end the existence of such stores near the lane and suggests that the community must strive bigger to attain the impact it wants.

Many impressionable students are affected by these shops. Drivers who work in these areas say that minors too are found in these shops. These stores make alcohol and other harmful substances easily accessible to children and introduce them to such practices early on.

A preschool organiser within the neighbourhood also had similar views. The community worked as hard as it could to do something about the arising issues.

"The HAWA members approached us. It didn't have much impact on business but was causing a general inconvenience to the neighbourhood. It should be away from residential areas" said Ms Sri Laxmi, one of the organisers in the preschool.

A petition was organised by the preschool when they were approached by a relief organisation. People from all over the community heard and joined hands for a single cause. It further highlights the many problems the people were facing.



“94% of people voted to get the shops removed, but we were still unsuccessful. The government is obviously profiting from these kinds of shops, which is why they are not seriously intervening.” said the petition organiser in an apartment, Mrs Parvati, in the area.

Despite such an onset of opposition against the shops, they were not shut down.

Such establishments make living harder for the residents. *“The shops completely take over the footpath area on the main road,”* said an annoyed member of the community. It makes it harder for the students in society to walk there. *“There are many shops nearby as well, with smoking and selling of harmful substances. These indirectly harm the residents.”*

Many people agreed to feel insecure walking around these shops. The presence of schools and a metro station nearby also make them anxious about what might happen. There have even been reports of people harassing members in a drunken state and of fights breaking out. The presence of these shops endangers the people buying from them as well, as they are in danger of being subjected to harm by vehicles going across the road.

In the meeting that was conducted by the residents on their final decision, a number of points were discussed.

“We discussed removing the shops. It shouldn't be there near a residential area, especially since we are a minister colony. There shouldn't be liquor shops near a colony. We will fight again this year.” pointed out Mrs Parvati.

A number of efforts were put into the cause. The community is not stopping at the petition. They plan to continue their fight for the community and are determined to win it. The license for an alcohol store lasts for two years, and they persevere and try again after the term is completed

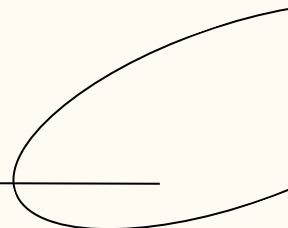
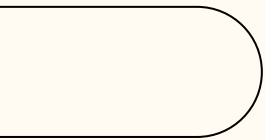
“We talked to the government councillor about the harmful effects. We went to the Municipal Office, The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and even the Customs Office. But they had already given them the licence. they said they would take better care about the placement of such shops.” continues Mrs Parvati.



Regardless of the little setback, the fight for justice continues and shows the strength and power of a community united hand-in-hand. Many communities, just like The Gurumurthy Lane, are stepping up and speaking out against such problems, for a better and brighter future for its students. .



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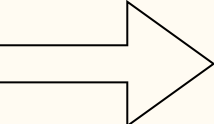






That Is It For This Week!

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